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1. From November 1948 to May 1950 individual biplanes were seen over Lodz (Q 52/0 93) every afternoon, a maximum of three planes being in the air at one time.
2. Flying with single-engine fighters was observed from the spring of 1949 to May 1950. The fighters were aloft in all weather from morning to night but made no night flights. The planes were similar to the Me-107. Beginning in the summer of 1949, up to nine fighters were often seen in the air at the same time while only three planes at the most had been previously observed. The planes approached from south of Lodz, turning northwest over Shikava. *
3. No other aircraft were seen during the reported period except for a twin-engine commercial Douglas plane passing over town on scheduled flights.
4. A revolving searchlight was southeast of Shikava, just north of the railroad turn-off to Kutno (Q 53/0 88). Another searchlight was northwest of Lodz. **

5. [REDACTED] the fighters were stationed at the Ruda Pabianicka airfield. *

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. The aircraft were obviously assigned to a Polish pilot school stationed at the Ruda Pabianicka airfield. From the types of planes seen, it is believed that both advanced fighter pilot training and basic training are given at the school. Most of the planes were probably Me-109s which were left in Poland by the Germans. In August 1949 the only fighters seen there were 10 to 12 Ratas. [REDACTED]

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- ** [REDACTED] Comment. The field is used daily by aircraft of the Polish "LOT" Airlines. The revolving searchlights were probably navigation aids for commercial aviation.

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